



Information on Payment of PEF Dues & Insurance Premiums

Dear PEF Member:

I understand from New York State that you are going on a leave of absence and/or may otherwise no longer be on payroll. If you are no longer paying PEF membership dues by payroll deduction, your dues must be submitted directly to PEF to maintain membership. If you have not already done so, please contact Susan Dunckle at Susan.Dunckle@pef.org or 518-785-1900 ext. 261 as soon as possible to arrange for payment.

Please be advised that you must continue to pay membership dues to enjoy the many important benefits and services that are only available to active dues paying members. For example, only active dues paying members are eligible for PEF representation during questioning by the employer, including interrogations by the employer and/or the Justice Center; in statutory or administrative proceedings or to enforce statutory or regulatory rights; or in any disciplinary grievance or arbitration seeking to penalize an employee for alleged misconduct. Only active dues paying members are provided with free legal representation when the State seeks to terminate them. Only active dues paying members receive representation in licensing or credentialing matters, in PERB cases, in Civil Service Law matters, or regarding PESH complaints and other litigation and legal matters during which members' due process rights are at stake.

You must also remain an active dues paying member to be eligible for the significant benefits and discount programs provided by the PEF Membership Benefits Program, including: insurance protection, legal services, financial planning, education and training, travel services, discounted tickets for movie theaters, water/theme parks, sporting events, performing arts, and much more. Please call the PEF Membership Benefits Program directly at (518) 785-1900, ext. 243 to ensure you do not lose out on the benefits you have come to value and appreciate, especially your insurance coverage which protects you and your family.

Furthermore, by failing to pay dues you will lose your right to participate in the internal affairs of the union, such as voting on union contracts, running for union office, voting in union elections or participating in the union's internal process for choosing political candidates that are most sympathetic to the union and its members.

To ensure that your PEF membership is not jeopardized please contact Susan Dunckle at Susan.Dunckle@pef.org or 518-785-1900 ext. 261 as soon as possible.

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